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Subject: Officer Dave Ellis Takes Top Honors at Motorcycle Skills Competition

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PRESS RELEASE

On July 10, 2010, the annual Oakland Police Motorcycle Competition was held at Bob Dron's Harley Davidson Motorcycle dealership on Hegenburger Avenue in Oakland.

Over 45 motorcycle Officers from as far away as Redding and Ventura County participated in a day long competitive event based on riding skills and safety. Several hundred attendees watched as the Officers showcased their ability to navigate through a tight obstacle course. All current makes and models of Police Motorcycles were present, and the tough course did not favor any specific brand. Throughout the day, Harleys, Hondas and BMW's successfully completed the timed event.

Three Officers from the Alameda Police Department competed. Officer David Ellis has been with the Alameda Police Department for 14 years, and has prior service with the Oakland Police Department for 15 years. For the majority of his career with both Departments, he has been assigned to the Motorcycle Units. Officer Ellis is the lead instructor for the Police Motorcycle schools that are mandatory for incoming Traffic Officers. Over the years, Officer Ellis has acquired a number of trophies and awards from Police Motorcycle competitions throughout the State. In 2009, in addition to high ranking awards from four Motorcycle competitions, he was also awarded the Alameda Police Department "Officer of the Year" award.

As a result of Officer Ellis' knowledge and expertise, he took second place in the timed obstacle course event. He was also awarded first place in the highly competitive "Top Gun" event, where two Officers enter a complex coned-off box and attempt to make each other run out of the course or put a foot down on the pavement.

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